

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 12-29 are pending but stand rejected. Claim 18 and 26-28 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1, 6, 12, and 13 have been amended.

Election/Restriction: The Examiner is requiring, under 35 USC §121, that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species. The Examiner has separated the Claims into two groups. Group I, includes those claims that recite "a controller for causing the scan module to scan the image from an original." Group II includes the claims that recite "means for causing the scan module to scan images from originals in response to selection via the input device."

Claims 6, 7, 9, and 20-29 fall into Group I. Prior to the present amendments, Claims 1, 3-5, and 12-19 fell into Group II. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a controller that is operable to cause the scan module to scan images from originals of varying sizes in response to a selection via the input device rather than a means for doing so. Claims 3-5 and 12-19 depend from Claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to recite a controller for causing the scan module to scan the image from originals of a plurality of sizes in response to a selection via the input device. Claims 7, 9, and 20-29 depend from Claim 6.

In light of the amendments all pending claims now fall into Group I. The Applicant elects Group I.

CONCLUSION: The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 12-29 are in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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